

Stimulus Opportunities Business Roundtables



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Upcoming Stimulus Funding Opportunities



Education

- **\$2.7 billion** in new education aid for Pennsylvania
- Stimulus funds for education include:
 - \$1.56 billion from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
 - \$399 million for Title I
 - \$456 million for IDEA (special education)



Education

Includes \$317 million in grants to school districts that will be made available in FY2009-10. These funds can be used for any of the following purposes:

- ***Modernization:*** renovation and repair of school facilities
- ***Basic education:*** Any activity authorized by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (which includes No Child Left Behind)
- ***Special education:*** Any activity authorized by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- ***Career and technical education:*** Any activity authorized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act 6
- ***Adult and family literacy:*** Any activity authorized under the federal Adult and Family Literacy Act

Education

- ***Title I school improvement:*** Title I schools identified for School Improvement can receive additional funding administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These resources will be targeted to specific proven investments in schools and districts that face severe academic challenges. Awards cannot be made until 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress determinations are finalized after the school year ends; therefore, grants will be announced by September 1, 2009.
- ***Special education:*** In addition to the grants that go directly to school districts, the Pennsylvania Department of Education may be eligible to maintain and administer a portion of these stimulus funds. The Department will provide additional information to school districts on its intended uses of these funds should they become available to the Department.
- ***Educational technology:*** nearly \$13 million for technology upgrades and related training to high-need school districts through a competitive grant process (information will be made available in the eGrants system - announced in Fall 2009)
- ***Education of homeless students:*** \$2.8 million to school districts to facilitate the enrollment, attendance and success in school of homeless children and youth (allocated based on homeless child count data)




Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- **\$60 million** to Pennsylvania; **\$12.7 million** of which goes through DCED
 - Types of Projects: Infrastructure (water/sewer/storm water/roads), community facilities and housing. Job training and placement, housing counseling including budgeting, first time homebuyer programs etc, food pantries, meals- on wheels and nutrition education
- **Eligible Entities:** Local Governments



Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

- **\$90.4 million** to Pennsylvania; **\$30.45 million** of which goes to DCED
 - Types of Projects: Rental assistance, housing relocation, housing search, mediation or outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, other appropriate activities for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing of persons who have become homeless
- **Eligible Entities:** Local Governments
- **Timeline:** \$14 million would have to be spent by July 2011 and \$16.45 million would have to be spent by July 2012



Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- **\$250 million** to be distributed by DCED
 - Types of Projects: Training and technical assistance, building shell retrofits (air sealing), insulation, repair/replacement of heating systems
 - Allowable Costs per Unit: \$6,500
 - For low income participants up to 200% of the federal poverty limit
- **Eligible Entities:** Existing Weatherization Network (Local Governments and Private Non-Profits)
- **Timeline:** 75 percent of funds must be expended by 9/30/10



Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

- **\$42 million** to be distributed through DCED to existing Community Action Agencies
 - Types of Projects: Supports employment, food, housing and healthcare efforts for low income participants up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level; an across-the-board increase based on poverty and unemployment statistics
- **Eligible Entities:** Existing Community Action Agencies
- **Timeline:** 75 percent of funds must be expended by 9/30/10



Select Health Provisions from Stimulus Legislation

- **\$2.5 billion** for Community Health Centers (CHCs)
- **\$87 billion** for increasing the Medicaid FMAP by 6.2%, with larger increases for states with higher unemployment rates.
- **\$1 billion** for preventative care
- **\$500 million** for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- **\$1.3 billion** for Transitional Medical Assistance
- **\$24.7 billion** for COBRA Premium Assistance



Justice Assistance Grants

- **\$29.1 million** in funds available competitively for local governments and non-profits
- PCCD Grant Plan approved on June 9, allocating funds into program categories including: law enforcement, courts, corrections, juvenile justice delinquency and prevention, victims services, crime prevention, technology and training
- First program (\$1.6 million for juvenile justice) is accepting applications now until July 24, more announcements to follow



Energy

■ **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

- **\$78.5 million** in direct allocations to cities with a population over 35,000, counties with a population over 200,000 or more, and the top ten highest populated cities and counties in the state
- Deadline for applications is August 10, 2009; some already submitted

Energy

■ PA Conservation Works!

- **\$22.5 million** available by competitive grant to local governments with a population fewer than 35,000, counties with a population fewer than 200,000 and non-profits
- Must create energy savings of at least 25%
- Applications will be accepted from July 17 to August 14



DCED

■ **Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2**

- **\$1.93 billion** available to state and local governments and non-profits through competitive process
- Permitted uses include financing for and purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed, vacant or blighted properties



Aging

■ Senior Community Services Employment Program:

- **\$1.2 million** awarded and allocated by formula to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
- AAAs will use funds to train and to provide placement and subsidize employment for PA residents aged 55 and older



Aging

■ Senior Nutrition Program

- **\$4.48 million** available to PA for formula allocation and competitive grants to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
- Funds to be used for congregate nutrition services provided at senior centers
- Commission presentation July 16, 2009



Transportation

■ Discretionary Transportation Programs

- **\$8 billion** for High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail Program
- **\$1.5 billion** for National Surface Transportation System
- **\$1.5 billion** for TIGER Grants



High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail

- Track 1 – Construction Projects
- Track 2 – Corridor Development Projects
- Track 3 – Planning Activities (not ARRA, 50% match)
- Track 4 – Rail Projects (not ARRA, 50% match)



High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail

- Applicants

- ☐ States
- ☐ Amtrak in cooperation with states

- Projects

- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Rolling stock
- ☐ Facilities



High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail

■ Evaluation

- ☐ Timeliness of Project Completion
- ☐ Economic Recovery Benefits
- ☐ Transportation Benefits
- ☐ Sustainability

■ Selection Priorities

- ☐ Region/Location
- ☐ Innovation
- ☐ Partnerships



High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail

- Pre-application due July 10, 2009
- Application
 - August 24, 2009 (Tracks 1 and 3)
 - October 2, 2009 (Track 2)



National Surface Transportation System

■ Applicants

- ☐ State and Local Governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations

■ Projects

- ☐ Highway or bridge projects
- ☐ Public transportation projects
- ☐ Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- ☐ Port infrastructure investments



National Surface Transportation System

■ Evaluation

- ☐ Must have regional/national significance

■ Selection

- ☐ Long-term outcomes: state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability, and safety
- ☐ Job Creation & Economic Stimulus
- ☐ Innovation
- ☐ Partnership



National Surface Transportation System

- Pre-application
 - August 4, 2009 – Letter of interest for TIFIA* payment Applications
- Application due September 15, 2009
- Awards Issued no later than February 17, 2010



TIGER Grants

- **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)**
 - **\$1.5 billion** available nationally by competitive grant for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure.
 - Letter of intent due August 4, 2009 with applications due September 15, 2009
 - Commission Presentation July 16, 2009



Broadband

- 3 funding rounds
- First Round
 - Joint NOFA released on July 1, 2009
 - Applications due August 14, 2009
 - BIP/BTOP awards to be announced around November 7, 2009
 - Mapping awards expected September 15, 2009
- Round 2 and Round 3 undetermined (anticipate December 2009 and Spring 2010)

Broadband

Round One - approx \$4.2 billion (\$3 billion reserved for Rounds 2 & 3)

- **Department of Agriculture - Rural Utilities Service (RUS)**

- Broadband Improvement Program (BIP) - \$2.4 billion


- Last-Mile: \$1.2 billion
 - Remote: \$400 million
 - Non-Remote: \$800 million
 - Middle-Mile: \$800 million
 - National Reserve: \$325 million

- **Department of Commerce - National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**

- Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) - \$1.6 billion

- Infrastructure: \$1.2 billion
 - Public Computer Centers: \$50 million
 - Sustainable Broadband Adoption: \$150 million
 - National Reserve: \$200 million

- State Broadband Data & Development Grant Program - \$200 million



Broadband - Definitions

Broadband

- 2-way data transmission with advertised speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and at least 200 kbps upstream to end users, or providing sufficient capacity in a middle mile project to support the provision of broadband service to end users

Rural

- Any area not within a city or town with population greater than 20,000 or within an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town with population greater than 50,000

Unserved Area

- One or more contiguous census blocks where at least **90%** of households lack access to facilities-based terrestrial broadband



Broadband – Definitions

Underserved Area

- Proposed funded service area (PFSA), composed of 1 or more contiguous census blocks
- Must meet at least 1 of the following in PFSA:
 - No more than **50%** of households have access to facilities-based terrestrial broadband service at > minimum broadband speed
 - No fixed or mobile broadband service provider advertises broadband speeds of at least 3 MBPS downstream; or
 - Rate of broadband subscribership is **40%** of households or less



Broadband Improvement Program (BIP)

- Grants for remote, unserved rural areas
- Loans and grant/loan combinations for non-remote and underserved areas
 - 75% of funded area must be rural and lack broadband access
- Program of first refusal for rural infrastructure projects



Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

■ Last Mile

- ☐ For unserved or underserved areas – predominant purpose to provide broadband service to end users or end user devices

■ Middle Mile

- ☐ For unserved or underserved areas – predominant purpose OTHER THAN providing broadband service to end users or end user devices (may include interoffice transport, backhaul, Internet connectivity, or special access)



Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

■ Public Computer Center

- Funds projects that expand public access and enhance broadband capacity at entities such as libraries and community colleges
- Create or expand a public computer center meeting a specific public need

■ Sustainable Broadband Adoption

- Funds innovative projects that promote broadband demand, such as broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment or support (particularly among vulnerable populations)



Other Requirements

- All broadband infrastructure applicants (both BIP and BTOP) must commit to Nondiscrimination and Interconnection Obligations
 - ☐ e.g. Cannot throttle or impede another provider's or user's traffic over ARRA funded network
 - ☐ e.g. Funded infrastructure cannot be an entirely closed network
- These requirements are subject to the needs of law enforcement and reasonable network management



Broadband Data Development Grant

- One-time grant program (due August 14, 2009) to facilitate national broadband map and statewide broadband inventory maps
 - \$240 million total funding available
 - \$1.9 - \$3.8 million anticipated mapping awards per state
- Requires substantially complete data sets by November 1, 2009 and fully completed by March 1, 2010
- Data Requirements
 - Geographic areas in which broadband service is available
 - Technologies used to provide broadband
 - Spectrum used for provision of wireless broadband
 - Speeds at which broadband is available
 - Average Revenue Per User (ARPU)
 - Broadband availability at public schools, libraries, hospitals, colleges & universities, and government buildings
- Coverage will be searchable by address, showing the type & speed available



Applications and more info can be found at
www.broadbandusa.gov